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## **Azusa Small Business Seminar Offers Millions in Tax Relief**

**Sacramento** – On Wednesday, August 27, 2014, California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member George Runner and BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton will host the free Azusa Small Business Seminar to provide small-to-medium-sized businesses with information about millions of dollars in tax credits and refunds and business loan assistance. Attendees will learn about traditional and nontraditional capital and have complex tax laws simply explained, plus have the opportunity to meet their elected representatives who make decisions that affect small businesses.

The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the City of Azusa Auditorium, 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA 91702. Check-in for the event begins at 8:00 a.m. You may register for the seminar online at www.boe.ca.gov/seminars or by calling 1-888-847-9652.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but every day owners face challenges with California's complicated tax laws," said Board Member George Runner. "As their elected taxpayer advocate, I want to make sure small business owners can be successful and avoid California's tax traps."

"I highly recommend that local business owners come to our seminar on August 27th. There will be information on a wide array of state and federal resources and services, as well as the new law providing partial sales tax exemptions for qualified purchases and tax credits," Chairman Horton said.

Senator Ed Hernandez, Azusa Mayor Joseph R. Rocha, the Azusa Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the seminar and encourage local entrepreneurs to attend and make the most of this opportunity that could help them expand and maintain their businesses.

If you want to learn more about the impact of legislation, policy and procedures at the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov, or plan to attend one of the upcoming Small Businesses Seminars held throughout Los Angeles County and speak directly to a BOE representative.

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.
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